

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of

3 Criminal Justice (LCLE) to adopt certain rules and standards for bulletproof vests

4 for peace officers with regard to rifle plates, soft armor and carriers, reuse policy,

5 and repurposing policy.

6 WHEREAS, under current law, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is

7 required to provide upon request special protective equipment, commonly known as a

8 bulletproof vest, for every "peace officer" in the state of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the mission of the LCLE is to improve the operations of the criminal

10 justice and juvenile justice system and promote public safety by providing progressive

11 leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community; and

12 WHEREAS, the LCLE seeks to promote the highest professional and ethical

13 standards in law enforcement; and

14 WHEREAS, the LCLE is requested to adopt the following rules and standards with

15 regard to rifle plates:

16 (1) Rifle plates must be multi-hit capable and have a multi-curve design for comfort.

17 (2) Rifle plates must come in a variety of sizes available including 7x9", 8x10",

18 9x11", and 10x12" and have different cuts available, such as shooter's cut and full cut for

19 increased mobility and maximum protection.

1 (3) Rifle plates must be designed, developed, and manufactured in the United States
2 of America.

3 (4) Rifle plates must have a maximum forty-five day lead time on reasonable sized
4 orders.

5 (5) Rifle plates must be NIJ STD-0101.06 ICW Level III or IV certified with the NIJ
6 STD-0101.06 IIIA soft armor and listed on the National Institute of Justice Compliance List.

7 (6) Rifle plates must have a warranty of sixty months, and products must be
8 manufactured within the same year the order is placed to maximize the warranty and quality
9 to the officers receiving the NIJ STD-0101.06 Level IIIA vests and NIJ STD - 0101.06 Level
10 III or IV ICW.

11 (7) Rifle plate standards must be NIJ STD- 0101.06 Level III or IV ICW, or
12 equivalent for newer NIJ standards and certifications; and

13 WHEREAS, the LCLE is requested to adopt the following rules and standards with
14 regard to soft armor and carriers:

15 (1) Soft armor must be NIJ STD-0101.06 Level IIIA.

16 (2) Soft armor and carriers are designed to accommodate multiple rifle plate sizes for
17 comfort and mobility to meet the officer's needs.

18 (3) Carriers must have a twenty-four month warranty.

19 (4) Soft armor must have a warranty of sixty months for the ballistics and products
20 must be manufactured within the same year the order is placed to maximize the warranty and
21 quality to the officers receiving the NIJ STD-0101.06 Level IIIA vests and Level III or Level
22 IV ICW plates.

23 (5) Soft armor and carriers must be designed, developed, and manufactured in the
24 United States of America.

25 (6) Soft armor and carriers must have a maximum forty-five day lead time on
26 reasonable sized orders.

27 (7) Soft armor standards must be NIJ STD- 0101.06 Level IIIA or equivalent for
28 newer NIJ standards and certifications; and

29 WHEREAS, the LCLE is also requested to adopt the policy of lateral transfers to
30 avoid departments having to purchase a vest for the same individual; and

1 WHEREAS, the LCLE is also requested to adopt the policy of repurposing the vest,
2 which simply means that in an instance when a vest was not designed or made for the
3 individual wearing it, it would be acceptable that the vest could be temporarily worn until
4 a vest specifically sized for the officer can be purchased.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of
7 Criminal Justice to adopt rules and standards for bulletproof vests for peace officers with
8 regard to rifle plates, soft armor and carriers, reuse policy, and repurposing policy.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
10 executive director of the LCLE.

DIGEST

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